

# USFJ Commander's Intent

The U.S.-Japan Security Alliance is more important than ever as it continues to ensure the security and prosperity of the United States and Japan, in support of peace and stability throughout the world. In order to advance the interests of our alliance and accomplish the mission of U.S. Forces, Japan, the members of our command will focus on three primary areas: Taking Care of Our People, Strengthening our Joint and Bilateral Defense Capabilities, and Building Better Relations with our Japanese counterparts and neighbors.

## **Taking Care of Our People:**

Since our people are our most important resource, we will create a command environment that encourages every member of our command to reach their full potential. We will accomplish this through an unwavering commitment to the highest standards of professionalism and an unrelenting effort to improve the quality of services and support provided to the members of our command. We will strive to select only the best people for assignments to Japan and make this a premier assignment opportunity. We want a professional military force that is physically fit, properly trained, and effectively supported by a customer service structure that is second to none. Ensuring the safety of our people will continue to be a singularly important 24/7 mission. Our family members must know that they have a critical role to play in advancing the interests of our alliance, and that we understand, appreciate, and support their many contributions to the success of our efforts.

## **Strengthening Our Joint and Bilateral Defense Capabilities:**

The war against terrorism has proven that our alliance with Japan not only underpins regional peace and stability, but is flexible and ready to deal with new challenges. In light of rapid regional military modernization and the risks posed by some nations in our area of responsibility, we will continue to work closely with our Japanese counterparts to ensure that our defense forces remain fully trained, equipped, and ready to meet any challenge at any time. Specifically, we will focus on continuing our efforts to mature our joint and bilateral defense capabilities, to ensure the modernization and reliability of our operational planning and command and control networks, and to effectively prepare and employ the military forces and capabilities of both nations.

## **Building Better Relations:**

The U.S.-Japan alliance is founded on professional and personal relationships, and no relationship is more important than the individual relationships between our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen and their Japanese counterparts. Indeed, one of the greatest benefits of a U.S. military assignment to Japan is the opportunity to live and work together with our Japanese partners, and learn more about this fascinating culture and society. Our people will be role models for our nation, as well as caring and responsible citizens in Japan. We will work hard to recognize and realize the benefits of our presence in Japan. We will work closely with the Japanese mayors in the communities near our bases to overcome potential areas of concern. We will insist on engagement, collaboration, and cooperation with our Japanese partners and friends – the continuing basis for our nation's most important and successful bilateral security alliance.



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